

A bill for an act
relating to higher education; requiring certain students enrolled in institutions
of higher education to sign a written waiver if they choose not to be vaccinated
against meningococcal disease; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
135A.14, subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 135A.14, subdivision 2, is amended to
read:

Subd. 2. **Statement of immunization required.** Except as provided in subdivision
3, no student may remain enrolled in a public or private postsecondary educational
institution unless the student has submitted to the administrator a statement that the student
has received appropriate immunization against measles, rubella, and mumps after having
attained the age of 12 months, and against diphtheria and tetanus within ten years of first
registration at the institution. The statement must also document that the student has been
vaccinated against meningitis, unless the student chooses not to be immunized, in which
case the student must submit a statement, signed by the student, or the student's parent
or guardian if the student is a minor, stating they have received the information cited
in subdivision 6a, and have chosen not to be vaccinated. This statement must indicate
the month and year of each immunization given. Instead of submitting a statement,
a student may provide an immunization record maintained by a school according to
section 121A.15, subdivision 7, or a school in another state if the required information
is contained in the record. A student who has submitted a statement as provided in this
subdivision may transfer to a different Minnesota institution without submitting another
statement if the student's transcript or other official documentation indicates that the
statement was submitted.